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FRENCH COMMUNISTS PREMIERSHIP IN NEW GOVERNMENT SOCIALISTS TEND TO KEEP IN THE BACKGROUND

TWO PARTIES ONE VOTE SHORT OF ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

PARIS, NOV. 17.
THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY TO
DAY PUBLICLY CLAIMED THE RIGHT TO
PREMIERSHIP IN THE NEW FRENCH GOV-
ERNMENT.

The claim, which was put forward in more
general terms last week, was to-day made specifically
in a letter addressed by the Communist Party to the
National Council of Socialists which met in Paris
to-day in private, to consider its position in relation
to the formation of the new Government.

The letter says: "As you have had occasion to point
out previously it is the right of the Party having the largest
number of votes and seats to assume the premiership in the
Government."

"The Communist Party claims
this responsibility, which has
been clearly assigned to it by
universal suffrage.

"If our two parties are in agree-
ment it will be impossible for any-
body to counteract the will of the
electorate and to prevent the forma-
tion of a Government of the
Democratic Union presided over by
a Communist."

The letter points out that in the
new Assembly, the Communists and
Socialists, with a number of over-
sensitive territories, "where one can
be assured that their votes will
always conform to the interests of
Democracy," together are only one
vote short of an absolute majority.

Sufficient Power

It continues that they do not wish
to exclude "any Republican col-
laboration" but merely wish to point
out that the Communist and Socialist
Parties have sufficient power in the
Assembly "to form a solid Republi-
can majority for a government
presided over by a most qualified
representative of the most im-
portant party in the National As-
sembly."

The Communist letter proposes a
joint meeting with the Socialists
firstly to ensure the formation of
an undivided Socialist Govern-
ment of Democratic Union, and
secondly to draw up the govern-
mental programme of "national
recovery."

WELLES ATTACKS U.S. TRUSTEESHIP STAND

Washington, Nov. 17.
Former Under Secretary of State Mr Sumner Welles, in a
radio address, to-day said Russia's stand on the international
trusteeship question has placed her in a strong moral position
while the United States' declaration of policy on former
Japanese mandated islands showed lack of enlightened moral
leadership.

He said the dispute of trusteeship
was the gravest development which
has so far appeared in the United
Nations Assembly meeting. The
dispute had arisen from two
reasons. Firstly, failure of the
Great Powers to reach an agree-
ment before the end of the war upon
a basis for problems which could
not be settled save through their co-
operation, and, secondly, the chap-
ter of the United Nations Charter
dealing with trusteeship constituted
a badly and vaguely written com-
promise which left unsettled many
problems which could far more
readily be solved than now.

Mr Welles said he believed what
clearly was intended by the United
Nations was the establishment with-
out any delay whatever of an inter-
national trusteeship system, or of an
international trusteeship council and
early assumption by the United
Nations through those agencies of
full responsibility for the welfare of
all the millions of dependent peoples
living in mandated territories.

Big Arms Cache In Greek Factory

Athens, Nov. 17.
The police disclosed to-day
that 40,000 kilos of ammunition
and arms, including 200 machine-
guns in perfect condition, was
discovered in a Piræus engine
factory warehouse.

Maroz Tzakas, owner of the fac-
tory, claimed that he bought the
material after approval from the
War Ministry and that it was to be
used as raw material. However,
officials said they were not satisfied
in the fact that the machine-guns as
well as the rifles were found to be
ready for firing investigation was
being pursued. Some arrests have
already been made.

Police Seized Arms as "Nationalist" Meaning Anti-Communist

Athens, Nov. 17.
A new swoop by Greek mountain
rebels and an all-night battle for
outpost were reported last night by
Dimitri Vourdoumbas, Greek Under-
Secretary of War, on his return to
Athens from Macedonia.

The clash occurred near the vil-
lage of Arkhangels in the same
area as Skra, many of whose in-
habitants are alleged to have been
killed in a previous attack.

After a sharp fight with about 700
armed men Greek troops reoccupied
Skra but clashes were reported to
be continuing around Mount Skra.

Rebel Stronghold Cleaned Up

Athens, Nov. 17.
A rebel stronghold on Mount Ossa
has been cleaned up by a Greek
Alpine brigade, according to a
Greek news agency here to-night.

About 100 rebels were put out of
action and 600 of them, pressed on
all sides, surrendered.—Reuter.

Cyriots Cheer

Athens, Nov. 17.
A huge crowd outside a Piræus
harbour to-day cheered and chanted
"We want union" when Bishop Leon-
tos of Nafpion, acting archbishop of
Cyprus, arrived here to lead a dele-
gation of Cyriots to London, where
they intend to submit to the British
Government a request for the union
of the island with Greece.—Reuter.

The Exchange Telegraph reported
from Athens to-day that unofficial
sources said 58 bandits had been
killed in an engagement in the
village of Krikouki, Grevena, in
western Macedonia.

The agency said several wounded
survivors of the Skra attack last
Thursday by a party of the
"Zacharides Brigade," had been
taken to Salonika where they said the
bandits tortured and executed them.
Many of the wounded were
reported to have died as a
result of torture.—United Press.

Cyprus-Greece Union

London, Nov. 17.
The Cypriot delegation will remain
in Athens until December 9 for its
discussions of plans for the union of
Cyprus with Greece, the Exchange
Telegraph reported to-day.

The agency dispatch said the Cy-
priots had pro-

posed to the British Government that
the result of the Cyprus-Greece
union should be—
United Nations.—United Press.

Nehru And Wavell Disagreement?

New Delhi, Nov. 17.
Reliable political sources said
to-night that a disagreement
had arisen between Viceroy
Lord Wavell and Vice President
of the Council Pandit Nehru
over the calling of the Constitu-
ent Assembly which is
scheduled to meet on December
9.

The sources said it was expected
that the matter would be discussed
on Tuesday or Wednesday when the
Viceroy returns from a tour of the
frontier provinces.

It was understood that arrange-
ments had been made to send invita-
tions to members of the Constitu-
ent Assembly but that Lord Wavell had
instructed his constitutional adviser
not to issue the invitations just yet.

Reliable sources said Nehru had
dispatched a long protest to the
Viceroy.—United Press.

CLAIM Catholic Bishops Attack Soviet Totalitarianism

Washington, Nov. 17.
Catholic bishops of the United
States declared yesterday that Soviet
totalitarianism is delaying peace and
that the USSR is guilty of cruel
violation of human rights.

The charge was made in a state-
ment signed by members of the
Administrative Board of the National
Catholic Welfare Conference.

The statement asserted that until
nations agree basically on the rights
of the dignity of man as individuals
there can be no way out of the
confusion and conflict which block
the road to real peace.

Charging that agreements for
safeguarding the basic human rights
have been violated unilaterally in
some instances and total communis-
mism in others, the statement con-
tinued: "Throughout the war the
battle cry was defence of native
freedom against Nazi and Fascist
totalitarianism. The aftermath of
war has revealed victorious Soviet
totalitarianism to be no less
aggressive against these freedoms in
the countries it occupied."

The bishops pleaded for the
repatriation of enemy war prisoners,
human treatment of displaced persons
and an end to the ruthless herding of
uprooted people. They called on
the victors to continue relief work
until the danger of widespread
starvation and diseases is gone.—
United Press.

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was defence of native freedoms
against Nazi and Fascist totalitari-
anism. The aftermath of the war
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SPAIN-PARIS EXPRESS DERAILED

Paris, Nov. 17.
The Paris Express, bound for Hendaye,
on the Spanish border, was derailed
this afternoon several miles south
of Bordeaux in the second French rail
accident in a week.

Reports from Bordeaux stated that
only one passenger was seriously in-
jured though several suffered from
concussion.

Eight carriages jumped the rails
and both the down and up lines were
blocked.—Reuter.

Soviet totalitarianism is no less
aggressive against these freedoms in
the countries it has occupied," the
statement says.

The statement went on to say
peace-making countries on funda-
mental issues had led to "tolerance of
shocking aggression."

It went on to attack what it de-
scribed as the uprooting of whole
populations in Eastern Europe, re-
ferring particularly to the expul-
sion of the Sudeten Germans by
Czechoslovakia.

"We boast of democracy," it said,
"but in this transplantation of peo-
ples we have perhaps unwittingly
allowed ourselves to be influenced
by the herd theory of heartless to-
titarian political philosophy. Re-
ports of the deportation of thousands
in the areas of Soviet aggression to
remote and inhospitable regions,
just because they cannot subscribe
to Communism, tell of a cruel viola-
tion of human rights."—United Press.

Archbishop Trial

London, Nov. 17.
Archbishop Milivojevic, head of the Serbian Orthodox
Church in the United States and
Canada, stated in an interview that
the trial of Monsignor Stepinac, Roman
Catholic Archbishop of Zagreb,
was "fairly unjust" and
constituted a direct attack by Rus-
sian Communism against the tradi-
tion of the Church.—The Vatican
Radio reported to-day.

The Radio also quoted the
Orthodox Archbishop as saying that
Monsignor Stepinac's trial was held
in a political atmosphere and had
no other aim than to separate the
Catholic Church in Croatia from its
head in the Vatican.

Archbishop Milivojevic added it
was clearly evident that Marshal
Tito was preparing proceedings
against the Metropolitan of the
Orthodox Church in Yugoslavia
which, the Radio said, was the
strongest religious group in Yugo-
Slavia after the Catholic Church.—
Reuter.

ANGLO-SWISS MONETARY AGREEMENT

London, Nov. 17.
The Anglo-Swiss talks on the
operation of the monetary agreement
between the two countries, and the
probable trend of payments between
Switzerland and the sterling area
have now ended with an understand-
ing on currency problems; the Treas-
ury announced to-day.—Reuter.

WEST COAST SHIPPING STRIKE ENDS

San Francisco, Nov. 17.
The 48-day-old West Coast
shipping strike ended to-day
when the strikers, operators
and Government negotiating
committee announced a tenta-
tive agreement had been reached
on the disputes.—United Press.

Coal Strike Threat

Washington, Nov. 17.
The United States Government,
threatened with a coal strike on
Thursday, to-day ordered that
notices be posted at all 3,300 mines
under its control notifying miners
of its intention to "keep the mines
open regardless of any action" taken
by the miners' leader, Mr John L.
Lewis.

President Truman announced on
Friday that Mr Lewis, President of
the United Mine Workers Federation,
had rejected the proposal for a strike
between owners and miners
and had notified the Government
that he was terminating the Union's
present wage contract with the
Government at 5 a.m. GMT on
November 21. This meant a strike
by 400,000 mine-workers.

The Government claimed that
Mr Lewis' projected action was
"illegal" and it was said yesterday
that he would be liable to a year's
imprisonment, or a fine of \$5,000,
or both, if he ordered his Union
members out of pits.

Coal shipments to Europe would
be cut off immediately if the strike
materialized, it was stated, and plans
to expedite shipments during this
month and the next would have to
be scrapped.—Reuter.

Ancient Cars In Run To Brighton

London, Nov. 17.
One hundred and thirty-seven
cars, each more than forty years
old, to-day rattled and swayed
along the seventy miles of road
from London to Brighton, on the
south coast.

They were taking part in the first
annual veteran car run to be held
since 1938, but to-day they were also
celebrating the fiftieth anniversary
of repeal of the law which com-
pelled every car on the roads of
Britain to be preceded by a man
carrying a red flag of warning.

Despite the cold morning, all the
cars got away to a good start, and
they kept strictly to schedule work-
ing out according to the age of the
car and calling for average speeds
ranging from ten to eighteen miles
per hour.

Many of the cars, whose aggregate
age totalled more than 9,000 years,
have been found during the war.
One which had stood in a field for
years, had a tree growing through
it, which had to be cut down before
the car could be moved.

Another, built in 1903, was de-
scribed as still capable of well over
sixty-five miles per hour.

Seventy-five finished the course
in a gale and heavy rain-conditions
which proved too much for the
rest of the competitors. Most cars
were open models. Two of the
oldest cars in run were a Leon
Bolles and a Thornycroft steam
car both 1898 models, and they
finished without mishap.—Reuter.

"Rebels" Not To Censure Govt.

London, Nov. 17.
On the eve of the British
House of Commons debate
initiated by 68 Socialist members
in criticism of the Government's
foreign policy Mr R. K. Zillman,
one of the signatories to the
amendment to the King's speech,
told a meeting at Newcastle to-
night that "so-called rebels"
are not going to vote any censure
of the Government."

He did not say if any of the
signatories to the amendment would
go into the Lobby to-morrow to vote
against the Government.

Prime Minister Attlee will speak
in the debate to ensure the strongest
support of Foreign Minister Bevin.

Mr Tom O'Brien, a Socialist mem-
ber, said to-day that "the dastardly
attack on Mr Bevin" was "bitterly
resented by an overwhelming ma-
jority of Trade Unionists in Britain."

"We do not want an 'affaire
Valence' in Britain," he said.—
Reuter.

World Grain Hold-Up On Point Of Collapse?

ENCOURAGING FACTS ABOUT U.S., CANADIAN AND ARGENTINE CROPS

London, Nov. 17.
Sydney Gambrell, Reuter's City Editor, who
to-day asserted that the world grain hold-up is on
the point of collapse, to-night backed up his claim
with a detailed analysis of the grain position in the
United States, Canada and Argentina.

The first fact, Mr Gambrell said, is that the United States
export programme of 400 million bushels of all grain this
season is officially described as the minimum.

Even so, the programme is
comparable with that of last
year and is far larger than of
any other year in American
history. About three-quarters of
it is still to come, but there is
every reason for confidence that
it will come and indeed now is
coming far easier than last year.

C Secondly, United States official
reports that total steady crop for
animals is the largest on record and
could support more livestock than
are likely to be fed.

Thirdly, the official forecast of a
carry-over of 253 million bushels
of wheat is more than Britain's total
consumption for the whole year
and equals the average carry-over
of the decade 1932 to 1941 when
recurrent glut led to recurrent inter-
national conferences on what to do
with the surplus.

Winter Wheat Crop

Fourthly, the American crop of
winter wheat—the world's biggest
single wheat crop—is in good to ex-
cellent condition with vital moisture
supply the best for several years.
The United States Government an-
nounced this last Wednesday.

Fifthly, the Government, which
has already bought more than half
of all the wheat needed for its full
season's exports up to June 30,
1947, has been able to buy wheat
twice as fast in the last three weeks
as during September and October.
This is the most striking contrast to
last season when the United States
Government's purchases were in
constant arrears.

Sixthly, the phenomenal new
maize crop, supplying cheaper animal
food than wheat, should lower still
further the consumption of wheat
inside the United States, which be-
lieved the maize crop had already
dropped to about 15 per cent less
than in the corresponding quarter
of last season. If so, there will be
that much more wheat for export
or carry-over.

Canadian Carry-over

But Canada, too, now has more
wheat available for export and carry-
over than she exported between
this date last year and the end of
the season.

She intends to raise the carry-over
from last season's 70 million bushels
to 85 million bushels, but may recom-
sider this which would be grossly
unbusinesslike on a falling market.

Canada aligns her export prices to
all countries, except Britain, with
those ruling in the United States. She
is now getting 224 cents per bushel,
while Chicago wheat for July delivery
is quoted below 175 cents.

Also, contrary to popular impres-
sion, this year's carry-over of 70
million bushels is not irreducible
minimum. In 1937 and 1938 the
carry-overs were 37 and 25 million
bushels, respectively.

The joker, however, may prove to
be Argentina. There are strong in-
dications that within the next very
few weeks the world will be remind-
ed that Argentina is normally the
world's biggest exporter of grain and
that Argentina wants to sell and has
the grains to sell.—Reuter.

CHINESE BAN ON MOTOR CAR IMPORTS

Nanking, Nov. 18.
New export and import regulations effective to-day
banned the import into China of automobiles with seven
passenger capacity or less whose net fob price to the dealer
exceeds US\$1,200.

The importation of asparagus,
abalone, birds nests, caviare, bla-
ck, confectionery, and sharks
fins was also banned.

Women will have to search for
local products to replace imported
beauty aids, since the regulations
ban import of manicure sets, powder,
puffs, combs, brushes, knitted silk,
silk, rayon, perfumes and cosmetics.

Other items banned include
plastic handbags and raincoats which
are currently in fashion, and
cultured pearls, curios, antiques,
lacquerware, damascene ware, nat-
umaware, decorative or ornamental
materials or products, imitation gold
and silver thread on silk, pre-
cious and semi-precious stones.

Some goods may be imported with-
out licence—personal gifts and
samples without commercial value,
provided the value of such goods
does not exceed US\$30 and are not
intended for sale.

However, the exemption does not
apply to goods whose import is
banned.—United Press.

SHOWING
TO-DAY

SALES

At 2.30, 5.10,
7.15 & 9.15 p.m.

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